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## SAND-CLAY ROADS FOR OKLAHOMA, SAYS GOIT

W. R. GOIT, first vice president of the Oklahoma Road Roads association, is an advocate of sand clay roads. The State Highway Bureau requested Mr. Goit to describe the method of building sand clay roads, in answer to which he prepared the following, which is given out for the general information of the public.

The following method was supplied by the writer and has been successfully used by the department of roads in the construction of sand clay roads in different localities of the several states, which you will find will give you a perfect road under almost any weather conditions, providing the necessity or essential of all road construction is carefully attended to, to wit: That the drainage of the storm water from and off the road be accomplished as expeditiously as the location of the road and the fall of the ground will permit, maintaining at all times a dry footing for the wearing surface.

In the construction of a sand clay road, the first requirement is to throw up a grade of sand of sufficient height to bring the roadway above the adjacent lands, so as to permit of thorough drainage of the subgrade, and the protection of the subgrade from seepage, by proper drainage of all storm waters from the upper into the lower ditch, which should be constructed with due regard to utilization of all available fall and free discharge of the storm water through these culverts from the upper to the lower ditch, which should be at least several inches if not more, higher or shallower than the lower ditch.

"After shaping up the sand to the proper contour for successful drainage of the roadway into the respective ditches, the method at present employed by the department of roads is as follows: Plastic or tenacious clay or gumbo is distributed over the entire surface of the roadway and ditches to an approximate depth of five or six inches, after which disc harrows are brought into service, and the clay or gumbo thoroughly mixed and harrowed with the sand to a depth of seven or eight inches, which harrowing should be continued until the sand and clay is thoroughly mixed or incorporated to above depth, after which the surface should be repeatedly rolled until compact and dense enough to carry an ordinary load. Care should be exercised that this mixture shall be evenly distributed over the entire grade and ditches so that the water shall not have access to the sand subgrade to prevent its being undermined or washed away, thus removing the support for the sand clay surface.

"The fitness of the sand and the fatness of the clay will determine the proper mixture or proportion required for the wearing surface, which should be composed of as large a proportion of sand, and as small a proportion of clay as will bond the materials together and prevent rav-

ing of the wearing surface under the action of the wheels, which portion or proportions can be readily obtained by any road builder who exercised any care, and will make up an experimental mixture of the sand and clay for test or observation. The following rule will determine whether the proportion of sand and clay is at equilibrium. If the road travels out or goes full of holes by breaking down of the wearing surface, it is absolute proof that the mixture is impoverished and requires the addition of more clay or bonding material—if the roadway should develop a slippery, unstable footing for traffic in wet weather, the builder can readily observe that the mixture is out of proportion and too fat, and requires the application of more sand to restore the equilibrium and produce the desired result.

"A little observation by the builder of the effect of traffic and wet weather on the roadway after construction, will enable him to determine the exact proportion of either clay or sand required to produce a perfect roadway that will resist the ordinary traffic of country commerce. In the selection of a material, either clay or gumbo may be used, and the tenacity of bonding qualities of either can be determined as heretofore stated, by mixing small quantities of different proportions of the sand and either material which proportion should be carefully noted for each sample, and the proportion utilized in the construction of sand-clay roads, wherever the locality.

"The writer feels that with the foregoing explicit directions as to the method employed for the construction of sand-clay roads, and the exercise of ordinary intelligence on the part of the road supervisor who may determine to use this method of road construction, either where the roads are made impassable by being exclusively of sand or gumbo, and they will be enabled to construct sand-clay roads wherever traffic is interfered with by either of these materials, without any further assistance or instructions, simply exercise good horse sense, where the highway becomes impassable by being of either material by bringing either the sand to the gumbo or clay road, or the gumbo or clay to the sand road, and constructing a sand-clay road as directed."

### CONSULT WITH OSAGES.

Regarding the Allotting of Applicants and Their Enrollment.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The secretary of the interior has sent for the Indian agent of the Osage nation, Ret Millard, and a half dozen of the leading councilmen among the Indians to come to Washington at once for a consultation over tribal matters.

The Osage commission is now about to close the allotting of the Osages, and there are 32 applicants for enrollment and allotment whose status has not been finally determined. These Indians are mostly some families who live in California and have never been on the reservation but are of Osage blood. There are also some illegitimate children to be considered, and the cases of some persons who are on the Kaw rolls, who want their children enrolled as Osages.

These matters will be brought out when the Osages arrive. The attorneys for the Osages oppose letting these applicants in, but say that if the roll were to be re-opened to admit them, they are willing to concede them the rights they claim, provided they, the attorneys, are given a chance to have taken off the rolls the persons whom they have discovered to have been improperly enrolled.

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## MAY ABANDON TRIP

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT MAY FOREGO AFRICAN TRIP TO RE-ENTER POLITICAL ARENA.

Washington, Jan. 24.—There is a story going the rounds here that President Roosevelt may abandon or at least postpone indefinitely his African trip. It was at first thought the proceedings against newspapers alleged to have published libelous articles regarding the president and his relation to the construction of the Panama canal might keep him in this country, but this was flatly denied at the white house.

The most substantial reason advanced, however, has its source in New York politics. The belief is prevalent that the president intends to take a very active part in republican politics in New York. Senator T. C. Platt, for years the boss of the republican party in New York, retires from the senate and from the leadership March 4. Senator Dewey will follow in his steps two years later. Report has it that President Roosevelt desires the leadership left vacant by Platt and his first step in this direction will probably be to name the republican candidate for mayor of New York next fall, William R. Hearst's Independent party will endorse this nominee and it is a foregone conclusion that he will be elected. With this acquired, Mr. Roosevelt will be the nominal leader of the republicans in the metropolis, and his next step will be to name, with Elihu Root, who succeeds Platt in the senate, the candidate for governor in 1910. If he is successful in this Mr. Roosevelt will be in control of the political situation in the state and can take a solid delegation of seventy-eight to the republican national convention in 1912.

This is purely conjecture by those who have circulated the report, and a logical line of reasoning. But although it is conceded that President Roosevelt is a very ambitious man, and this is thought sufficient incentive to induce him to give up his African trip, many on the inside do not think there is anything; even the leadership of the union, can deter him from making his much cherished African hunting trip.

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State of Oklahoma, Carter County in County Court.

In the matter of the estate of Hattie Clark, deceased.

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It is ordered, that said petition be and is hereby set for hearing on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and show cause, if any they have, why an order should not be granted for the sale of so much of the real estate of said Hattie Clark, deceased, as is necessary for the reasons in said petition stated.

It is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published for three successive weeks in the Ardmoreite of Ardmore, Oklahoma.

W. F. BOWMAN,  
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